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5/10/2020 12:34	Taylor	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	I volunteered at the library before COVID-19 impacted many people worldwide. The library provided a safe haven for many people with the classes, books, and community resource center. All the staff I have worked with are very friendly and hardworking. It would be sad for many people to see all those resources gone and the disappearance in the libraries program qualities and more. I urge you not to cut any additional hours if additional budget cuts are required in the May revision. Many people depend on libraries especially those working and low income. Thank you.
5/10/2020 12:46	Abby Silverman Weiss	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Libraries are part of San Diego's essential infrastructure and provide equal access to free education and job-training opportunities. As we begin the recovery process, our most impacted communities will rely on their library for employment, education, and community resources. To ensure the system has the tools and resources necessary to effectively serve the community, we believe it is essential there are no additional cuts to library hours, materials, and programming budget beyond the already proposed \$7 million in reductions.

5/10/2020 14:22	Karyl Carmignani	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Our library system is crucial to all walks of life-everyone! It is a vital service to keep the population reading and thinking, regardless of income level. Please do not slash this important service to the people of San Diego. Post pandemic, we will need literature (all genres) more than ever. Thank you! Karyl C.
5/10/2020 21:54	Betty Steeg	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Mira Mesa Library has been a valuable resource that I have accessed daily. The staff is helpful & knowledgeable. We not only borrow books but for some of us, use of computers & the internet is so important. We count on the Library as our "Cool Zone". Absolutely invaluable! Pls retain funding for this much needed resource for students, seniors, in fact for Everyone!
5/11/2020 13:25	Chip Gilbert	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Our city lakes program is important part of San Diego county. Please consider turning over County lakes to the County to run and the City to only control the 2 lakes in the city limits. Miramar and Lake Murray is the only lakes the City should have control of

5/11/2020 13:29	Chip Gilbert	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	City lakes need to start charging every visitor to the lakes a parking/use fee. 100's of people use the lakes every day free of charge. This makes the city staff working to keep the lakes up. However there is no revenue coming in. Hence the general fund budget cuts
5/11/2020 13:34	Chip Gilbert	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	The city of San Diego should be changing the County of San Diego for running the lakes in the county's jurisdictions. The city can not support the lakes program with general funds from public utilities alone. The county should chip in for maintenance and management
5/11/2020 13:37	Chip Gilbert	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	The city should consider taking the lakes program out of public utilities control and giving over to the control of the county. Public utilities can not afford the management of our lake, nor do they understand how to control them. The county should be taking action on this matter
5/8/2020 11:37	Miriam Libonati-Bitton	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Its proposed to close public pools 14 weeks in off season. This is detrimental to citizens of all ages who depend on facilities for recovery, injuries and mental health - and cant use normal gyms or other facilities.

5/8/2020 13:41	Maria Cook	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>Re: Parks and Rec budget affecting pool closures. I have been a regular participant in the Bud Kearns Memorial pool water fitness program for the last six years. For many of us pool users, water fitness or lap swimming is our sole or main form of exercise, and we use the pool 3-4 times a week throughout the year. Some of us require low-impact exercise due to surgery or disability. Others appreciate the excellent fitness results that water exercise provides. Many of us also value the social community that has been built around the pools. These benefits cannot be gained via summer pool use only; they depend on sustained, regular access to nearby pools.</p> <p>The proposed 14-week closure between October and March seems an extreme solution to an admittedly severe budget crisis. At a minimum, many of us would hope that these pool closures could be staggered, so that at least one pool can remain open south of Interstate 8 to be accessible to lower-income communities there, and another open north of Interstate 8 for residents there. Please find a way to save money while ensuring year-round access to pools. Thank you.</p>
5/8/2020 15:51	Judi Carbary	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>We need more not less access to our Carmel Valley Pool! Reducing the hours and increasing the pool closure to 14 weeks is unacceptable!</p> <p>We need to have more pool available time for our weekly healthy exercise swimming close to our house.</p> <p>As it is now, 1/2 available lanes are used 3 times a week for aerobics, half the day in the summer is used by camps, rentals, aerobics classes, and swim teams.</p> <p>I would only close the pool for 3 weeks max for maintenance and increase the pool hours to allow time for swimmers in the community to swim!</p>

5/8/2020 16:03	James Carbary	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	You (expletive) raise my damn taxes every year and now you want to shut down the swimming pools for 14 weeks!? If you want to stay in office much longer, DON'T DO IT. Raise the pool fees if you must, or lower your own compensations. DON'T CLOSE THE POOLS!!!!
5/8/2020 20:47	Linda Brems	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>Having arthritis and other issues, the water is the best and often ONLY way I can get exercise. I am currently having a problem where I can walk less than a half a mile and need to come home and sit down. I don't have the same problem in the water and since the pool is closed (which of course I understand and agree with!) I am getting so weak and out of shape. I have to say, I am jealous when I see people jogging or running on fields or courts. Physically able people can exercise in multiple ways, versus us who are challenged. We need the pool!</p> <p>I hope that the city is able to keep pools open and water exercise classes a minimum of 3 days a week to keep us with physical disabilities exercising and maintaining strength and flexibility. It is great for mental health as well.</p> <p>Additionally, I am an advocate for swim lessons for all of San Diego youth. No child should drown because they don't know how to swim! Please keep at least basic swim lessons available at a low cost for all San Diegans.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

5/9/2020 12:41	Anne Elizabeth Crane	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Concerning the proposal to close recreation center pools for 14 weeks in the off season. The pool in my neighborhood is well used for water fitness, sports practice and general use. It is an important part of being able to get the exercise that we need to be healthy and for schools and other organizations to practice their sports. We already go at least two months of the year without access and usually more for one reason or another. It is a waste of the pool to leave it sitting unused for such a long time. Please consider the impact of extra long closing on the public and the wasted resource of a closed pool
5/9/2020 17:36	Jill McCardell	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	The Carmel Valley Pool Water Fitness Class is essential , not only to my body's health , but also for my mental health. I am 65 years old. PLEASE consider keeping the pool open as long as possible for us to include the water fitness class. My classmates are of all ages. We need this exercise class. So important for addressing our health without full impact on our joints (on land). Please please remember this sector of the Recreation budget. I hope you "hear" our needs. Thank you.
5/10/2020 11:19	Maryellen Lane	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	The library is the lifeblood of the community. It is especially important to those who cannot or do not have access to learning, books and media. It is a meeting place and helps alleviate the digital divide and the effects of poverty within society. I highly urge you to maintain the library budget to provide equal access to education and information to all community members.

5/10/2020 11:30	Jennifer Banta	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>I request that you please reconsider the extended closure and limited schedule and offerings for Swanson Pool. Over the past eight years all five of my children and myself have used the pool. We have met, connected with other community members, and made friends here. Swimming is a skill learned over time and the year round hours spent lap swimming, on the swim team, and on the water polo team are very important for health and exercise, skill development, and water safety. Even more meaningfully, the guards and coaches have been positive influences and teachers helping my children to grow as swimmers and people. The pool staff has taught my children a life-saving skill, how to be team players, and self-control. These skills are useful every day in every part of our lives. In fact, two of my daughters have put these skills to work when they each got their first job as a lifeguard for the city pools. Please reconsider taking this essential service away from us.</p>
5/10/2020 11:35	Jean Linder	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>Libraries are part of San Diego's essential infrastructure and provide equal access to free education and job-training opportunities. As we begin the recovery process, our most impacted communities will rely on their library for employment, education, and community resources. To ensure the system has the tools and resources necessary to effectively serve the community, we believe it is essential there are no additional cuts to library hours, materials, and programming budget beyond the already proposed \$7 million in reductions.</p>

5/10/2020 12:20	Joan Raphael	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Libraries are sources of enjoyment, but most importantly, they are sources of information and access. People can apply for unemployment, which certainly is needed right now, and they can look for new jobs and get information on how to qualify for new jobs. In short, libraries are essential. Do not reduce their budget any more than has been done already!
5/10/2020 12:44	Marjorie Wahlsten	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	I want to add my voice to others asking for continued funding of the libraries. I know you are faced with many demands for funds, but I feel the libraries are a vital asset of our life together as citizens. I volunteer in the Mission Hills library and am continually amazed at how heavy the demand is for books, movies, and computers. Watching parents reading to their children in the comfortable children's room is heart warming. Many people can't afford to buy books. Or, like me, they don't want to acquire something else. The library is our answer. Knowledge is a valuable thing and one of the sources is our libraries. Please do the best you can for them.

5/10/2020 14:04	Steven Meyer	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>re: City Budget. I urge the City Council to preserve the Library Budget and avoid any further cuts. It seems tempting to consider Libraries as non-essential but, as we crawl out of the CoVid-19 shutdowns and economic impacts, Library services will be increasing important part of the recovery effort. Public access to computers, wifi, and written materials is an essential public service particularly to the most needful of San Diego residents.</p> <p>Libraries are part of San Diego's essential infrastructure and provide equal access to free education and job-training opportunities. As we begin the recovery process, our most impacted communities will rely on their library for employment, education, and community resources.</p> <p>To ensure the system has the tools and resources necessary to effectively serve the community, we believe it is essential there are no additional cuts to library hours, materials, and programming budget beyond the already proposed \$7 million in reductions. Thank You</p>
5/10/2020 14:45	Alex Landon	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>I believe our city libraries serve the public in a unique way. They are places which provide the opportunity for all to learn. They insure an educated community which will pay dividends for those who use the libraries and those who come in contact with those who use the libraries. I urge that you not cut the budget for this essential part of our community.</p>

5/10/2020 14:45	William L Pope	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Please maintain funding for city libraries. Library access is critical to producing informed citizens at all socio-economic levels, particularly those that are economically disadvantaged. Libraries provide residents with the resources that are not readily found elsewhere, such as free adult reading programs, access to technology (computers, Internet, 3-D printing), college admission preparation, etc. A more educated and informed citizenry is good for business and good for the community. Please do not shortchange our future by cutting library services.
5/10/2020 14:52	Derrik Kapalla	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	I would like to respectfully voice my opposition to the elimination of the waterfowl hunting program at Barrett Lake. This program is one of the last waterfowl hunting opportunities in San Diego and eliminating it would be an incredible loss for the outdoor community. I am a born and raised San Diegan and appreciate the variety of recreation activities available as a resident of the amazing city. There are opportunities for residence to cycle, golf, surf, hike, rock climb, swim, boat, you name it, San Diego likely has it. If the waterfowl hunting program at Barrett Lake is eliminated, so is that entire recreation activity in San Diego. The heritage, community, and food source many hunters enjoy while waterfowl hunting would be essentially eliminated in San Diego. Please consider the magnitude of this decision, we elected our City Council Members and trust you to do the right thing. Thank you very much for your public service.
5/10/2020 14:57	Mark S Mandel	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	I am writing to oppose further cuts in the San Diego library budget. I'd like to ensure that all community libraries are open a minimum of 6 days a week, with at least two days extended into evening hours. Thank you.

5/10/2020 15:36	Keaton Raftery	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	As a hunter and a conservationist, I respectfully oppose the elimination of the waterfowl hunting program at Barrett Lake. New to hunting, I have looked forward to hunting waterfowl at Barrett Lake for some time now. There are hundreds of San Diego hunters and conservationists that are willing to assist any operational needs to help keep this program open!
5/10/2020 16:39	Patricia Diane O Keefe	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Libraries are part of San Diego's essential infrastructure and provide equal access to free education and job-training opportunities. As we begin the recovery process, our most impacted communities will rely on their library for employment, education, and community resources. To ensure the system has the tools and resources necessary to effectively serve the community, we believe it is essential there are no additional cuts to library hours, materials, and programming budget beyond the already proposed \$7 million in reductions.
5/10/2020 18:21	Judith Annunziata	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	The Public Libraries are an important part of any community. Especially for our more impacted communities, the library is a source for internet access, job training and educational opportunities. Please do not make additional cuts to library hours, materials and programming.
5/10/2020 19:05	Samuel	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	The lakes of San Diego county are a valuable public asset to which access must be retained for our community. Please find a way to keep the lakes open for fishing, hunting, and general recreation.

5/10/2020 19:41	Judith Wenker	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Our libraries serve us in so many ways. One is the meeting room that many of them have, allowing the local community to get together. For example, a group of seniors in Mission Hills/Hillcrest is providing regular meetingsand meet-ups with and for seniors in the community on a variety of worthwhile and important topics, like senior scams, health issues, legal estate matters, etc. Please keep the libraries and meeting rooms open for this important work.
5/10/2020 20:23	Megan Duncan	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	As a San Diego resident, one of my favorite parts of the city is all of the recreational activities the city has to offer. From trail running, to biking, to surfing, to climbing — San Diego residents get to enjoy countless incredible spaces to do their favorite things. While I am not a hunter, I would like to strongly oppose the elimination of the waterfowl hunting program at Barrett Lake. If I get to enjoy access to my favorite hobbies in the city, I only find it fair that there would be access for those whose love is hunting. I've learned that hunting is so much more than a hobby. It teaches you the importance of conservation, of wildlife, of your food sources, and of traditions with loved ones. I know that people have been hunting at Barrett for decades, and that they dream of some day teaching their sons and daughters to experience its beauty in the same way. Please see the value that the waterfowl program brings, not just this season but for generations to come. With this in mind, I hope you will consider keeping Barrett Lake open for wildfowl hunting for the residents of San Diego.

5/10/2020 20:36	Kym kapalla	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	First - thank you all for the work you do for the public. I was made aware of the intent to elongate the waterfowl hunting program at Barrett lake. I want to express my opposition. Please reconsider this. This area provides a much needed recreation area for hunters in San Diego. Our fellow residents of San Diego need these places to go and confidence in the continued support of our outdoor activities.
5/11/2020 1:48	Susan Ranscht	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>In the best of times, San Diego's libraries provide essential support for job searches, training, education, and internet access for members of our communities who would otherwise be excluded from the riches of printed books and computer technology. In these uncertain times, our libraries are even more important for those who struggle economically.</p> <p>For the benefit of all San Diegans, young and old, employed and out of work, please do not cut the library budget and hours of service any further than those cuts already proposed.</p> <p>Thank you, Susan Ranscht</p>
5/11/2020 7:55	Christine Callaway	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>Libraries are essential to San Diego's continued well-being. Especially now, every dollar must count as we begin to recover. People who have lost resources (a great number, and still growing) find hope and make their existence better with the job search and training tools, art, entertainment and information accessible only through this lifeline.</p> <p>I believe it is essential there are no additional cuts to library hours, materials, and programming budget beyond the already proposed \$7 million in reductions. Thank you for listening!</p>

5/11/2020 11:18	Ingrid deLlamas	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Please maintain library hours! We must not forget that our great city has a number of communities where families have limited access to computers and internet service. Many students rely on libraries as resources for study, school assignments, enrichment and safe havens - taking away library hours increases the digital divide.
5/11/2020 11:30	Renee Schor	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>Dear City Council.</p> <p>Libraries are part of San Diego's essential infrastructure and provide equal access to free education and job-training opportunities. As we begin the recovery process, our most impacted communities will rely on their library for employment, education, and community resources.</p> <p>To ensure the system has the tools and resources necessary to effectively serve the community, we believe it is essential there are no additional cuts to library hours, materials, and programming budget beyond the already proposed \$7 million in reductions.</p>
5/11/2020 11:49	Kate Hutchison Montes	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Please don't make any further cuts to the San Diego Library budget. We will need our libraries more than ever after this pandemic. Libraries are an incredible resource for those needing assistance in job searches, which will be crucial as the country begins opening up again. Not to mention all the students who have had limited access to books and materials during this time. We need our libraries. This shut down has made that even more evident.

5/11/2020 11:56	Cindy Olmstead	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Our libraries are and should be considered Essential to our communities as they provide resources for all. They are a "must have" not a nice to have service to our citizens. Please do not cut any more from our Library budgets. Hopefully you will find other ways to reduce the budget shortfalls without extracting more programs, hours, books, etc. from our libraries. THANK YOU, Cindy Olmstead, former Library Foundation Chair, grandmother of 11 who use the library!
5/11/2020 11:56	Gerald Tomaszewicz Jr	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	I am a resident of Ocean Beach and am writing in support of maintaining the Library system's budget without further cuts. Libraries hold many of the keys to our society's recovery from this pandemic and recession. They serve as the largest free educational resource in the county, providing live-changing (or at times, live-saving) resources and information. They must be protected!
5/11/2020 12:22	Bryan Bigrigg	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	As an avid outdoor enthusiast, I oppose the elimination of the waterfowl hunting program at Barrett Lake.
5/11/2020 12:54	Jenn French	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Libraries are part of San Diego's essential infrastructure and provide equal access to free education and job-training opportunities. As we begin the recovery process, our most impacted communities will rely on their library for employment, education, and community resources. To ensure the system has the tools and resources necessary to effectively serve the community, we believe it is essential there are no additional cuts to library hours, materials, and programming budget beyond the already proposed \$7 million in reductions.

5/11/2020 13:42	Joseph Wainio	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	I am a member of San Diego 350, which is part of the Community Budget Alliance. Please do not continue to fund the so-called Smart Streetlights Program. The city has already wasted \$30 million on this program, which has not worked as advertised. Instead of providing the city with useful information to help solve mobility and transportation problems, it has become a police surveillance vehicle. Some people might call this a bait and switch tactic. There were never any public hearings about using this data for law enforcement surveillance purposes. Everything we know about inequality tells us this program will be abused and communities of color will be disproportionately punished. Let's cut our losses and learn from this fiasco. Thanks!
5/11/2020 13:52	Wendy Urushima-Conn	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>Good evening Honorable Councilmembers,</p> <p>Thank you for all you continue to do for our community, especially during these challenging times. I am writing to you today on behalf of my love for libraries and equal access for all. As Chair of the Library Commission, but also as a Mom of 2 daughters, I urge you to withhold from making any further cuts to library hours, materials, or the programs budget beyond the existing proposed 7 million dollars. In the hot summer months, such as in Rancho Bernardo, libraries are cool zones for seniors and those with medical challenges. They are also an essential place for learning and for children to get homework assistance. For those those looking to find work, or their next job during these challenging economic times, Libraries are a lifeline. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Wendy Urushima-Conn</p>

5/11/2020 13:52	Sean	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	My children and my family use our City Libraries quite often, most importantly to offset what they are doing in school as teachers request they find books that help them research certain topics they learn at school.
5/11/2020 14:01	Franklin H Whitten	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	Please do not cut any funding for Libraries. Library resources are used primarily by the young, the elderly and those in need of the best social care our community can provide. Removing funds for libraries at this time would show poor judgement in investment into the community. I take great pride in San Diego's library system and we have appreciated the benefit that our local libraries have offered, specifically the Clairemont Branch. Thank you for understanding and continuing fully funding this important resource.
5/11/2020 14:02	AmyK	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	The library is a resource we need to sustain. It's so clear with at-home schooling that there is already a widening gap between families who have means and those who do not. Supporting our local libraries is an imperative for every kid being home-schooled who needs access to books, research materials and educational systems that support his or her learning. Thank you so much for your consideration of this input in your decision making. May we ALL stay safe, healthy and literate.

5/11/2020 14:46	Vivian Chiu	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	My son and his friends have benefited a lot to join Ned Baumer Swim Team, and they really enjoy the facility to help them grow physically strong. I recalled there's a banner outside the fire station to encourage parents to let their children learn how to swim when they are small. It's one of the life-saving skills as well. It would be devastating to see the closure of our community swimming pool and facility. Regular swim activities are important for the growth of our children. Appreciate if you could consider not to close any swimming pools and facilities. Thank you!
5/11/2020 14:47	Carlos Turner Cortez	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	I write as the President of San Diego Continuing Education, which houses the Beckwourth Public Library on our historic Education Cultural Complex in southeastern San Diego. I cannot begin to express the importance of this vital public resource in one of San Diego's most vulnerable communities. Library usage can be maximized if relevant programming is increased. Representing the 40,000 students and 1000 employees of SDCE, please do not close our library!

5/11/2020 15:11	Matt O'Malley obo San	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>Thank you Council President Gomez and councilmembers for this opportunity to comment on behalf of San Diego Coastkeeper and our many members.</p> <p>As you are all well aware of by now, the IBA has projected a 5-year, nearly \$1 Billion gap for the essential work of the Storm Water Department. This gap, along with the recent events and revenue declines, shines a light on why it is critical the Department's long term funding strategy work continues on schedule and with full resources to ensure the Department can carry out the essential public health work it's tasked with; namely pollution and flood reduction, and building climate resilience.</p> <p>Also critical to fund is the work the Department is doing with PUD on stormwater capture that is investigating how to turn stormwater into an asset rather than a liability, protect public health by reducing flooding and pollution, save the City money through efficiencies, provide water supply, and build climate resilience – all critical and essential.</p> <p>We strongly urge you to ensure these endeavors are able to continue on time and are fully funded now and through the May revise.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
5/11/2020 15:51	Manuel Mejia	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>Libraries are part of San Diego's essential infrastructure and provide equal access to free education and job-training opportunities. As we begin the recovery process, our most impacted communities will rely on their library for employment, education, and community resources.</p> <p>To ensure the system has the tools and resources necessary to effectively serve the community, we believe it is essential there are no additional cuts to library hours, materials, and</p>

5/11/2020 16:17	Thomas Lowery	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>I am commenting on the 2021 Proposed Budget Reductions, specifically those relating to "Increased closure of City reservoirs for recreation". As it stands, most of our reservoirs are only open 2-3 days/week - and many of those are only open seasonally.</p> <p>It's my understanding the City Lakes Program is losing money. Why?</p> <p>I encourage the council to discuss and explore solutions that keep the City Lakes Program for Fishing and Recreation open. As anglers, we pay daily lake permit and boat launch fees for our recreational purposes at City lakes Recreational boaters also pay fee's. At the same time other lake-goers enjoy all of the recreational benefits offered by our City Lakes at no charge.</p> <p>A daily-use fee for everyone benefiting from our City Lakes would certainly result in a significant revenue increase to the City Lakes program, helping to address budgetary shortfalls. An increase to the fee's fishermen and recreational boaters will also help and most of us are willing to pay an increase to keep them open. Let us together find ways to address these budgetary concerns which do not involve closures.</p>
5/11/2020 16:24	Chris Rhanor	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>I'm writing today as a Shelltown resident, and as a member of the Chollas Creek Coalition, about my concern about the proposed budget reduction to the City Stormwater division. The neighborhoods adjacent to the creek experience flooding and pollution when the storm water upkeep is not maintained. Residents have also been proud to see the progress of the chollas creek trail development that has happened in recent years, so it would be unfortunate to see that regress. Please consider short-term funding for this important long term project.</p>

5/11/2020 16:24	Rebekah Hook-Held	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	With an estimated deficit of \$300 Million, and that number only expected to grow, we understand that budget cuts need to be implemented. Though these cuts will be deep, The San Diego LGBT Community Center wants to ensure San Diego's limited resources and services are distributed in a way that is just and equitable to all communities and neighborhoods. We encourage City Council and Mayor to not eliminate key staff who are tasked with ensuring San Diegans are not victims of wage theft, libraries are able to be open to provide supportive study spaces and internet access to students and families, and people who are experiencing homelessness are able to be served and sheltered safely. The actions and final budget adopted by the City Council and Mayor this year will have huge impacts on our communities and The San Diego LGBT Community Center encourages this Council to adopt a final budget which creates a San Diego where everyone can thrive.
5/11/2020 16:34	Jeremy Bloom	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	While I recognize the many weighty decisions the Mayor and City Council will need to take in responding to the estimated deficit of \$300 Million and that this will lead deep budget cuts. I hope San Diego's limited resources and services are distributed in a way that is just and equitable to all communities and neighborhoods. I encourage City Council and Mayor to not eliminate key staff who are tasked with ensuring San Diegans are not victims of wage theft, libraries are able to be open to provide supportive study spaces and internet access to students and families, and people who are experiencing homelessness are able to be served and sheltered safely. The actions and final budget adopted by the City Council and Mayor this year will have huge impacts on our communities. I encourage this Council to adopt a final budget which creates a San Diego where everyone can thrive. Thank you!

5/11/2020 16:45	Greg	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	If you want to take Lakes where you might as well just take a lot of people's lives away why do people with mental issues uses legs to get are mine off the world by taking them away you're just doing worse but putting people's life in jeopardy
5/11/2020 16:45	Pat Wilson	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>Libraries are essential to San Diego communities. Free to all comers, libraries provide access to technology, education, and entertainment across the city. In a library, you can be read to, learn to read, do your homework, participate in STEAM programming, learn to code (and even get a certificate from UCSD Extension), get your high school diploma as an adult, receive help applying to colleges, explore employment opportunities, and pursue your career, as well as connect with other like-minded people. In addition, libraries provide space for community groups to hold events both cultural and civic, and are safe, temperate places for folks to visit.</p> <p>It is a horrible budget year for San Diego. I implore you, though, to consider the richness of what libraries have to offer. Cuts in hours, staff, and the closure of the Mountain View/Beckwourth branch will affect tens of thousands of San Diegans, many of whom are already underresourced. Please, if you must cut, hold the line here. Even better, find a way to preserve the Beckwourth branch library, which will be hard to replace.</p> <p>Thank you. Keeping our library system strong will ensure that San Diego stays on track to</p>

5/11/2020 16:45	Andy Paluczak	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>I am commenting on the 2021 Proposed Budget Reductions, specifically those relating to "Increased closure of City reservoirs for recreation".</p> <p>As it stands, most of our reservoirs are only open 2-3 days/week - and many of those are only open seasonally. It's my understanding the City Lakes Program is losing money. Why?</p> <p>I encourage the council to discuss and explore solutions that keep the City Lakes Program for Fishing and Recreation open. As anglers, we pay daily lake permit and boat launch fees for our recreational purposes at City lakes Recreational boaters also pay fee's. At the same time other lake-goers enjoy all of the recreational benefits offered by our City Lakes at no charge.</p> <p>A daily-use fee for everyone benefitting from our City Lakes would certainly result in a significant revenue increase to the City Lakes program, helping to address budgetary shortfalls. An increase to the fee's fishermen and recreational boaters will also help and most of us are willing to pay an increase to keep them open. Let us together find ways to address these budgetary concerns which do not involve closures.</p> <p>Respectfully, Andy</p>
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5/11/2020 16:46	Adam Hinkle	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>I am writing to you regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget Reductions, specifically those relating to "Increased closure of City reservoirs for recreation". As a San Diego County resident, passionate angler and outdoorsman, it is extremely concerning to see a budget proposal which further cuts what is an already limited access to our City reservoirs. As it stands, most of our reservoirs are only open 2-3 days/week - and many of those are only open seasonally. As anglers, we pay daily lake permit and boat launch fees for our recreational purposes at City lakes, most of that done via iron rangers (no human interaction). Recreational boaters also pay fee's. At the same time other lake-goers enjoy all of the recreational benefits offered by our City Lakes at no charge. A daily-use fee for everyone benefitting from our City Lakes would certainly result in a significant revenue increase to the City Lakes program, helping to address budgetary shortfalls. An increase to these fee's will also help and most of us are willing to pay an increase to keep them open. Let us together find ways to address these budgetary concerns which do not involve closures.</p> <p>Respectfully, Adam Hinkle</p>
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5/11/2020 16:49	Rick Fallon	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>I am writing to request the San Diego City Lakes be reopened, and to not further restrict the operating schedule. The recreational use of these reservoirs affects many people in San Diego. The businesses that depend on the lakes being open will be effected with delays in opening and further restrictions in the schedule. This will impact the city far more than the operating costs by the loss of revenue in taxes, etc. to the city. The lakes also are used for charitable events, Youth events, and military appreciation events. These events can be during the week for schools and on weekends so any restrictions will affect opportunities for these events.</p> <p>Thank You, Rick Fallon San Diego Council of Bass Clubs</p>
5/11/2020 16:54	John Bolthouse	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>Good evening. I am the Executive Director of Friends of Balboa Park. We fully appreciate the terrible effects that COVID-19 is having on our community at this trying time. Prior to the pandemic, Balboa Park had slowly been emerging from years of under-investment, thanks in no small part to the dedicated men and women of the Parks & Recreation Department, who had been making real strides in bringing Balboa Park up to the standards that San Diegans have long demanded. Friends of Balboa Park has been proud to partner with Parks & Recreation in their tireless efforts to maintain this expansive 1,200-acre wonder. As you consider the extraordinarily difficult decisions you must make with this budget, I ask you to remember the vital role that Balboa Park plays in the lives of our citizens, particularly our cultural, recreational, economic, and spiritual vitality. As we look to emerge from this pandemic, San Diego needs Balboa Park now more than ever, and the park needs our support more than ever. With your support of the Parks & Recreation Department, we can ensure that the economic damage this pandemic has done to Balboa Park is not irreversible. Thank you.</p>

5/11/2020 16:55	Mireille Barnard	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	With regards to our city pools, I am strongly in favor of increasing the opening times of the pools and not decreasing them. This is such a valuable resource for our community and provides affordable options for everyone to swim and do water fitness. I have been attending the Carmel Valley Water Fitness classes consistently throughout the year including the winter time and it has helped my health tremendously. I would love it if there were more classes per week! For the seniors in our community especially, it is important to have safe options for daily exercise throughout the year without asking them to drive to far away communities. Please re-consider the 14 week closure, already the 6 week closure seems like too much for those of us who use the pools regularly.
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5/11/2020 16:57	Tony Santiago	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	<p>I am commenting on the 2021 Proposed Budget Reductions, specifically those relating to "Increased closure of City reservoirs for recreation".</p> <p>As it stands, most of our reservoirs are only open 2-3 days/week - and many of those are only open seasonally. It's my understanding the City Lakes Program is losing money. Why?</p> <p>I encourage the council to discuss and explore solutions that keep the City Lakes Program for Fishing and Recreation open. As anglers, we pay daily lake permit and boat launch fees for our recreational purposes at City lakes Recreational boaters also pay fee's. At the same time other lake-goers enjoy all of the recreational benefits offered by our City Lakes at no charge.</p> <p>A daily-use fee for everyone benefitting from our City Lakes would certainly result in a significant revenue increase to the City Lakes program, helping to address budgetary shortfalls. An increase to the fee's fishermen and recreational boaters will also help and most of us are willing to pay an increase to keep them open. Let us together find ways to address these budgetary concerns which do not involve closures.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>
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5/11/2020 16:57	Melinda Lee	5/11/2020	City Council Comment	600	A 14 week closure for the pools is NOT a good idea. For seniors, and the many others dependent on water based exercise, year round access to the pools are essential for health. As tax payers we paid for these facilities, we deserve to have access to them. As for the elimination of teams and water polo, these are regressive policies that hurt low income families and neighborhoods the hardest. The pools are already on limited schedules, and staffing has been reduced--the system can't absorb any more cuts before it ceases to be of value to the communities it is supposed to serve. The city can find the money for these important facilities and services. Take a look at some of the crazy money that has gone down the drain with the \$7 million homeless center (still not operating, maybe never will) and the ridiculous snafu around moving the city offices into the bank building, just to name a couple of examples. If the city has this kind of money to burn, it can keep the pools at the current, already pretty lean, service level. Thanks for your consideration of my opinion.
5/11/2020 8:59	Stephen Hermes	5/11/2020	Non-Agenda Comment		Although I am a resident of Escondido, I use the Rancho Bernardo branch regularly to access materials unavailable in the local library. Please continue to maintain funding of the San Diego Library System to make this valuable community resource open to all.
5/11/2020 15:34	Ty Dorward	5/11/2020	Non-Agenda Comment		Please re-open all City lakes for fishing and water contact activities for San Diego families. The City lakes are an important outdoor recreation resource for San Diego's families and fishermen and can easily be opened with appropriate social distancing safeguards the same way the bays have been. Please take action to get these recreation areas reopened as soon as possible.